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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

TRUSTEES OF INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES
DISTRICT COUNCIL 711 HEALTH &
WELFARE FUND; TRUSTEES OF
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS
AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT
COUNCIL 711 VACATION FUND;
TRUSTEES OF PAINTERS DISTRICT
COUNCIL 711 FINISHING TRADES
INSTITUTE; INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES
DISTRICT COUNCIL 711 HEALTH &
WELFARE FUND; INTERNATIONAL
UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED
TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL 711
VACATION FUND; PAINTERS DISTRICT
COUNCIL 711 FINISHING TRADES
INSTITUTE; AND INTERNATIONAL
UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED
TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL 711,

Civil Action No.:

**COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND JUDGMENT NOTE**

Plaintiffs,

v.

ARCHITECTURAL METAL & GLASS
SOLUTIONS, LLC,

Defendant.

Plaintiffs, by and through undersigned counsel, state as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to Sections 502(e)(1) and (f) and 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (f) and §1145 respectively, and §301 of the Labor Management Relations Act (“LMRA”), and 29 U.S.C. §185; and 28 U.S.C. §1331.

2. This Court is one of proper venue pursuant to Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), and Section 301 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185 because the Trust Funds are administered in the State of New Jersey, the breach took place in New Jersey, and Defendant maintained or maintains a principal place of business in the State of New Jersey.

3. A copy of this Complaint is being served on the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States by certified mail in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §1132(h).

PARTIES

4. Plaintiffs, Trustees of International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711 Health & Welfare Fund (“Health Fund”) are the employer and employee trustees of a labor-management trust fund organized and operated pursuant to a Trust Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) (“CBA”) in

accordance with Section 302(c)(5) of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5). The Health Fund is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3), and a multiemployer plan within the meaning of section 3(37) of ERISA 29 U.S.C. §1002(37).

5. Plaintiffs, Trustees of International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711 Vacation Fund (“Vacation Fund”) are the employer and employee trustees of a labor-management trust fund organized and operated pursuant to a Trust Agreement and CBA(s) in accordance with section 302(c)(5) of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5). The Vacation Fund is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of section 3 (3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3), and a multiemployer plan within the meaning of section 3 (37) of ERISA 29 U.S.C. §1002(37).

6. Plaintiffs, Trustees of Painters District Council 711 Finishing Trades Institute (“FTI”) are the employer and employee trustees of a labor-management trust fund organized and operated pursuant to a Trust Agreement and CBA(s) in accordance with section 302 (c)(5) of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5). The FTI is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3 (3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3), and a multiemployer plan within the meaning of Section 3 (37) of ERISA 29 U.S.C. §1002(37).

7. Plaintiffs, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711 Health & Welfare Fund, International Union of Painters and Allied

Trades District Council 711 Vacation Fund; and Painters District Council 711 Finishing Trades Institute (collectively “Funds”) maintain their principal place of business at 27 Roland Ave, Suite 200, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054.

8. The Funds are also the collecting agent for the Labor Management Cooperation Initiative (“LMCI”), National Finishing Trades Institute of New Jersey (“N-FTI”), Industry Advancement Fund (“IAF”), the Political Action Committee (“PAC”), Safety Training Recognition Awards Program (“Stars”), the Job Targeting Program (“Job Targeting”), and Political Action Together (“PAT”).

9. The Funds are authorized to sue in their own names pursuant to Section 502(d)(1) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(d)(1).

10. The Trustees of the Funds are fiduciaries within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(21)(A).

11. The Funds bring this action on behalf of their Trustees, committee members, participants and beneficiaries pursuant to Section 502 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132, and Section 301 of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185.

12. Plaintiff International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711 (the “Union”) brings this action for dues check-offs and other contributions owed pursuant to the CBA(s).

13. The Union is a labor organization within the meaning of Section 301 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 185, and Section 3(4) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(4),

and represents employees in an industry affecting commerce.

14. The Union maintains its principal place of business at 26 East Fleming Pike, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037.

15. Defendant, Architectural Metal & Glass Solutions, LLC ("Architectural") is referred to as "Defendant" or "Employer" and "Party in Interest" as defined in Sections 3(5) and 3(14) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(5) and (14) respectively, and was or is an employer in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Section 301 of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185.

16. Upon information and belief, Defendant Architectural maintained or maintains its principal place of business at 1 Executive Drive, Toms River, New Jersey 08755.

17. Defendant Architectural conducted or conducts business in the State of New Jersey.

COUNT ONE

18. The Funds incorporate the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Complaint as if set forth herein in their entirety.

19. At all relevant times, Defendant Architectural was and is a corporation doing business in the State of New Jersey as an employer with the meanings of sections 3 (5) and 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(5) & 1145, and was and is an employer in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of

section 301 of LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185.

20. At all relevant times Defendant Architectural and the Union entered into a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) establishing the terms and conditions of employment for represented employees of Architectural pursuant to the work jurisdiction provisions of the CBA within a specified geographical area.

21. The CBA provides that Defendant Architectural must make specified fringe benefit contributions to the Funds, and withhold and forward specified dues check-offs and other contributions to the Union for each hour of work as required by the CBA for Defendant Architectural’s represented employees.

22. The foregoing CBA was executed by Anjennette Panebianco, President of Defendant Architectural. A copy of the CBA and signature page is attached hereto as ***Exhibit “A”***.

23. Despite their contractual obligation, and though they reaped the benefit of the labor provided by their employees, Defendant Architectural failed to remit the required contributions to the Fund for the benefit of their employees.

24. Such delinquencies constitute prohibited transactions under 29 U.S.C. §1106(a)(1)(B).

25. Failure to pay the delinquencies enumerated in the CBA is violative of 29 U.S.C. §1145.

26. Prior to this litigation, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations,

which negotiations resulted in the execution of a Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note (“Agreement”). This Agreement was executed by Anjennette Panebianco, President of Defendant Architectural on August 16, 2018. A copy of the Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note is attached hereto as ***Exhibit “B”***.

27. As detailed in the parties’ Settlement Agreement, the amount owed to Plaintiff Funds is \$9,732.43, which is comprised of delinquent contributions of \$9,613.88, and interest in the amount of \$118.55. See ***Exhibit “B”***.

28. Defendant Architectural agreed to pay the total sum of \$9,732.43 by way of five (5) monthly installment payments to be paid pursuant to the payment schedule contained in the Agreement.

29. Defendant Architectural remitted the first installment payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 but Defendant Architectural’s check was returned by the bank for insufficient funds. A copy of Architectural’s returned check is attached as ***Exhibit “C”***.

30. No further payments were remitted, in whole or in part, by Defendant Architectural.

31. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the parties’ Settlement Agreement the Funds notified Defendant Architectural of their breach of the Agreement and Defendant Architectural had ten (10) business days to cure the breach. Copies of the Plaintiff Funds’ counsel’s letter and email to Defendant Architectural is

attached hereto as ***Exhibit “D”***.

32. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the parties' Settlement Agreement, if payments are not received when due, Plaintiff Funds are authorized to proceed to the entry of a Judgment in the amount of \$9,732.43, less any payments made (\$0.00) under the parties' Settlement, for a total balance due of **\$9,732.43**.

33. By executing a Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note with Plaintiff Funds, Defendant Architectural agreed to be bound by its terms.

34. By the clear and unambiguous terms of the Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note, Defendant Architectural was obligated to remit \$9,732.43 to the Funds to satisfy its contribution delinquencies.

35. As of the date of this filing, Defendant Architectural has only remitted one (1) payment which was returned by the bank for insufficient funds. See **Exhibit “C”**.

36. Defendant Architectural's failure to remit payments as required by the parties' Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note constitutes a breach of the clear and express terms of the parties' Agreement.

37. Defendant Architectural's failure to comply with the terms of the parties' Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note has harmed Plaintiff Funds.

38. Because Defendant Architectural breached the clear and express terms of the parties' Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note, Plaintiffs Funds are

permitted to pursue the original amounts of the respective contributions, as well as interest and liquidated damages, less any payments that have been remitted to date.

Settlement Agreement	\$9,732.43
Less payment received	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$9,732.43

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Funds respectfully request the following relief:

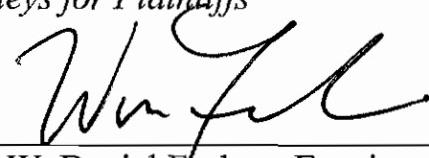
- (A) Enter Judgment against Defendant Architectural, for breaching the clear and express terms of the parties' Settlement Agreement and Judgment Note; and
- (B) Order Defendant Architectural to pay the amount of **\$9,732.43**, the total amount of the remaining outstanding contributions and interest owed to the Fund; and
- (C) Order Defendant Architectural to pay Plaintiff Funds' counsel fees and costs incurred in the initiation of these proceedings; and
- (D) Order such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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